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TO: File

THRU: Pete Hess, Inspector *pgl for Pete Hess*

THRU: Daron Haddock, Permit Supervisor *0024*

FROM: Paul Baker, Reclamation Biologist *PBB*

RE: Side Casting Amendment (N99-46-1-1), West Ridge Resources, Inc., West Ridge Mine, ACT/007/041-99C, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

SUMMARY:

On August 16, 1999, the Division received an amendment intended to satisfy the abatement requirements of violation N99-46-1-1. On September 14, 1999, the Division received a revised version of page 5-5, and the amendment with the change to this page is considered acceptable.

ANALYSIS:

RECLAMATION PLAN

REVEGETATION PLAN

Regulatory Reference: R645-301-341

Analysis:

The original approved plan for the West Ridge Mine said no material would be sidecast from the road to be used to access the nose cut. Violation N99-46-1-1 was issued after the applicant sidecast the material that had been cut to construct the road. No material was sidecast from the upper portion of the road, but vegetation was removed the area below the upper portion of the road.

The applicant proposes to seed the area disturbed by this activity with the interim seed

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mix following completion of construction activities in the mine yard. The original application said the slope below the upper portion of the nose cut access road would not be disturbed by construction activities so no revegetation would be necessary; however, this statement has now been removed. The entire area will be seeded.

With the change in the amendment proposal, the application is acceptable.

Findings:

Information provided in the proposal is considered adequate to meet the requirements of this section of the regulations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

With the change received September 14, 1999, the amendment can be approved.